

Docket No.: SONYJP 3.0-079 DIV
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Tsutsui et al.

Application No.: Not Yet Assigned

Group Art Unit: N/A

Filed: Herewith

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: CONTROL METHOD, CONTROL
APPARATUS, DATA RECEIVING AND
RECORDING METHOD, DATA RECEIVER
AND RECEIVING METHOD

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

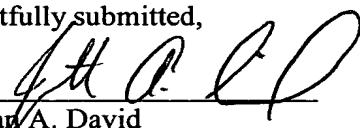
Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the references listed on the enclosed form be made of record and considered with respect to the above-referenced U.S. patent application. A copy of each reference was of record in Application No. 09/354,612, the benefit of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120. Submission of the present Information Disclosure Statement should not be taken as an admission that the cited references are legally available prior art or that the same are pertinent or material.

In the event that any fee is due in connection with the present Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

Dated: October 27, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

By 
Jonathan A. David
Registration No.: 36,494
(908) 654-5000
Attorneys for Applicant

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				Complete if Known	
				Application Number	Not Yet Assigned
				Filing Date	Concurrently Herewith
				First Named Inventor	Shintaro Tsutsui
				Art Unit	N/A
				Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	SONYJP 3.0-079 DIV

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (# known)			
	AA	US-6,018,765	01/2000	Durana et al.	
	AB	US-5,798,785	08/1998	Hendricks et al.	
	AC	US-6,344,878 B1	02/2002	Emura, Koichi	
	AD	US-5,925,843	07/1999	Miller, et al.	
	AE	US-6,191,904 B1	02/2001	Nguyen et al.	
	AF	US-6,232,539 B1	05/2001	Looney et al.	
	AG	US-6,066,792	05/2000	Sone, Takuro	
	AH	US-6,022,223	02/2000	Taniguchi et al.	
	AI	US-6,380,984 B1	04/2002	Inoue et al.	
	AJ	US-5,886,967	03/1999	Aramaki, Junichi	
	AK	US-5,768,539	06/1998	Metz et al.	
	AL	US-5,721,878	02/1998	Ottesen et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--